

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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Always endeavor to be really what you wish to appear.—Granville Sharp.

## CONFIDENCE IS LACKING

Honolulu's confidence that the present trend of local politics is a guarantee of progressive government for the city will not be strengthened by the Democratic nominations made yesterday, and there is a spirit of strong discontent among many good citizens with the situation as it stands today, both parties having put up their tickets.

Part of this situation is due to the business men themselves, for the Republican convention found several good candidates unable or unwilling to run, and at the last moment plans were shifted and weaker men accepted. Part of the situation is due to the fact that the choosing of the whole ticket was in the hands of a few men, and tactical mistakes were made in the use of their power. One of these tactical mistakes was the brusque way in which a large body of deserving Republicans in a certain precinct were treated by the political dictators of the hour.

The trades and bargains of the Republican convention were duplicated in the trades and bargains of the Democratic convention, and it is probable that many responsible citizens who had today the ticket that the Democrats put up will change their minds about contemplated shift of allegiance from the G. O. P. to Bourgeoisism.

Both the Republican and Democratic leaders ought to recognize, and probably do, that the day is passing in this community when nominations for office are to be made under the convention system. The two county conventions and their results ought to make absolutely certain the passage of a direct primary law by the next legislature.

Already there is talk that the Republican direct primary pledge is to be "forgotten." To those Republicans who are able to reconcile their consciences to such a course, the STAR-BULLETIN would say here and now that the people of this city are in no mood to forget the pledge, nor to allow it to be broken again.

## DEMOCRATIC COMPROMISE NOT PEACE

Although a sop was thrown to the anti-Jarrett men in the county and district conventions yesterday, the Democrats have no reason to feel particularly elated over the outcome of the day. A fairly good senatorial ticket, from the standpoint of strength among the few Democrats of a Republican district, was secured at the cost of alienating a strong Democratic following in another district.

The Fifth district, supporting Noah Aluli for the senate, was beaten by the Jarrett combination, four votes making possible the nomination of A. J. Wirtz. The anti-Jarrett element, though beaten two to one in the county convention, had a better than even break yesterday so far as the Fifth district is concerned, and it is in the Fifth district that the bulk of the Democratic vote for this fall is to be found.

The sop thrown to the anti-Jarrett men was the nomination of Gabriel Keawehehu from the fourth district and Jack Kalakiela from the fifth district, for the House of Representatives. Neither of these men can, by any stretch of the imagination, be called desirable candidates. His sop was not enough for the anti-Jarrett men, and their bitterness was shown plainly when the senatorial fight was in progress and receded after precinct of the Fifth cast a solid vote for Aluli and polled blanks on the other candidates, with the obvious intention of assuring Aluli's nomination without regard to the other men.

The Fifth district right now is in a state of political chaos so far as the Democrats are concerned. More than a dozen of the disgruntled anti-Jarrett men walked out of the convention yesterday and others stayed only to see that certain nominations were made. These are not likely to support the Democratic ticket this fall. From a political standpoint, the supervisory ticket is not built to secure the Hawaiian vote, here being an overwhelming "haole" character in its make-up, and already some of the Hawaiians are complaining that they were ignored. Whether this feeling grows or subsides remains to be seen.

A few leading Democrats, realizing that the general political situation just now gives them a chance to elect a good many men this fall, tried

to carry through a compromise plan, but it was largely a failure. The anti-Jarrett element wanted more than the Jarrett element would concede, and while the ticket as it stands is a kind of compromise, it is not a strong combination of forces. The result is far from flattering to Democratic success in November.

## A WALL STREET VIEW OF MR. ROOSEVELT

Col. Roosevelt's detractors cannot claim that all of "Wall street" is for him, judging by the utterances of the Financial and Commercial Chronicle of New York, a journal close to some of the big financial interests. This paper editorially says:

In course of many speeches per day, interspersed with page-long exculpatory statements, Mr. Roosevelt naturally lets an unintended admission slip sometimes. Whirling across Connecticut, he attempted to ridicule Governor Wilson's misfortune in having a platform on which he could not keep more than one leg. As for himself, no platform troubles him, for he stands just where his feet happen to be at the moment. The tariff he tosses aside jauntily. He will take that up later, he said at Bridgeport; but in seven years in Washington he passed it by, referring to it once, in a moment of candor, as one of several subjects which "do not interest me." He is anxious, he says, to see a tariff commission, which experience has shown to be a device for delay. But in an unguarded moment he said that "this talk of the tariff is simply a red herring across the trail, to distract the attention of the people from the real needs of the situation."

There are real needs, then, which must not be obscured by the "red herring" tariff. They are: Having the people discuss things in the school-houses; governmental regulation of the issuance of securities, of the business of insurance, of everything; "the increase of the people's participation in their own government." The same old story that has been dinned. The tariff herring can wait. The federal government, personified by Mr. Roosevelt, is to be all and do all. He loudly declares that the treatment of the trusts problem has been a failure, but his own proposition means nothing else than absolute control of business from Washington.

What he has spoken and written in the last eight months amounts to volumes, in bulk, and in it all (with the single exception of the recall of judges and decisions) there is not one definite thing. He speaks to the people as if they were children; put your hands in mine, he says, and all shall be well. He has had seven years, and he left the country worse than he found it; yet now everybody shall have his wish and no child shall ask for the moon in vain. Observe this promise: "to bring about a new era in our national life, insure prosperity for all, prevent industrial unrest and give to the people their rights."

How, how? Not a shred of information; let the children trust in him as their All-Father. A torrent of words here, a torrent of other words there; but not a glimmer of specific account as to by what means this delightful era is to be brought in. All we can gather is that it is to begin as soon as this superman resumes his seat as the ruler of everything.

Either this is the extreme of childish folly or Mr. Roosevelt is himself a fount of blessings. To those who keep their powers of judgment unimpaired he seems far otherwise. In his desire to be surrounded by courtiers, in his insatiable vanity, in his dislike of judges and disrespect for written constitutions, in his indifference to his own pledges, in his caprice, in his disposition to bestow gifts on his favorites and punish those he deems his enemies, Mr. Roosevelt is the very mark and pattern of the despot of all history. Under rhetorical generalities about the people ruling themselves and coming into their own, he asks to be set up as the virtually uncontrolled ruler of all affairs, large or small. Is the country will to jump into absolutism?

Mr. Roosevelt's personal chase for power, disguised under a pretended political movement which would instantly collapse if he were removed from it, would seem a jest if it were not a ghastly and menacing possibility.

Another argument for the passage of a direct primary law in Hawaii was powerfully set forth yesterday when the Democratic convention was controlled from the Fourth district absolutely.

Joe Cohen's open attempt to split the Dowsett vote and elect Jim Coke is not going to help the Democrat. Joe's support is not that kind.

## EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS BENEFIT BY POLLITZ WILL

The will of Edward Pollitz, as filed for probate in San Francisco by Henry St. Goar and Albert Meyer executors, while not giving the value of the estate disposes of several hundred thousand dollars in bequests, much of which goes to employees and friends. The distribution as announced from San Francisco is as follows:

To each of the four children of Henry St. Goar is bequeathed \$5,000; Henry Schwartz, bookkeeper, \$5,000; David Cashman, employee, \$2,500; Mrs. Fortini, his stenographer, \$1,000; John Burgin, \$5,000; Lucy Hoefler and Desire Pollitz, nieces living in Germany, \$25,000 and \$10,000; Mrs. Antonio Hilder, wife of Julius Hilder, \$5,000; George Pollitz, a nephew, \$50,000; various charities, \$5,000 and to Carl Pollitz a life-long friend, \$18,000 a year, payable monthly.

Pollitz left directions that his estate was to be cleared up, and, after all bequests and bills are paid, the residue be divided equally between the wife of his brother, Carl Pollitz, and his nephew, George Pollitz.

Each of the executors is bequeathed \$25,000.

## LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

### "MADE IN JAPAN"

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.  
Sir:—A happening of significance came under my observation recently, and, to my mind, goes to show to what an extent Japan has us "down pat."

Last Sunday I had occasion to visit a Japanese contractor on Liliha street in regard to some stonework that I wanted done. I tried to describe the location of the proposed work, which is in Kaimuki. The Japanese contractor at once produced a map of that section of the city, embracing everything from Moiliili to Diamond Head, and on which I pointed out the location of my lot. That was all right, but the queer part of it was that it was complete in every detail, of all public buildings, hotels, forts, reservoirs, etc., and was all printed in Japanese with the exception of the names of the streets, and at the bottom of the map was the caption "MADE IN JAPAN."

OBSERVER.

## PERSONALITIES

E. R. HAND, identified with the United States Geodetic Survey, is an arrival in the Islands by the Matson steamer Lurline.

MRS. JAMES MONCRIEF of San Francisco is a passenger in the Matson steamer Lurline, to visit a sister residing in this city.

D. A. BUSS, who will assume charge of the construction of a dredge at Pearl Harbor, was an arrival in the Lurline this morning.

CAPTAIN BERGER, the bandmaster, writes to the Star-Bulletin from Vienna, where he is now visiting: "Aloha nui to all. Vienna is beautiful."

JOHN W. SMITH, with the United States Treasury Department at Washington, is an arrival in the Matson Navigation steamer Lurline this morning.

MR. AND MRS. William Robertson returned in the Lurline this morning. Mr. Robertson, from Maui, made a flying trip to the Coast, where he secured a bride.

W. P. DAY, identified with shipping and commission business on the Coast, was a passenger in the Matson S. S. Lurline and will make an extended stay in the Islands.

MR. AND MRS. W. L. Emory, Messrs. K. P. and W. C. Emory have returned from the mainland, after having enjoyed an extended visit. They were passengers in the Matson Navigation steamer Lurline.

H. L. SHAW, a well-known resident of Honolulu, who some years ago was associated with the drug business at this point and at Hilo, returned in the Lurline this morning. Mr. Shaw has been residing at Havana, Cuba, for several years.

MAYOR FERN was forty years old today, and in honor of the anniversary the Hawaiian band serenaded him in the city hall. Later a quintet and picked voices serenaded his honor in his office, where he was seated in state, surrounded by several heads of departments and friends.

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## SCHEDULE IS ARRANGED FOR Y. W. C. A. CLASSES

At the meeting of the members of the Y. W. C. A. yesterday in the Poston building, the schedule for the different classes was arranged and October 1 was the date for their beginning.

On Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7 o'clock the beginners' gymnastics class will meet. This class will meet once a week. The second beginners' class will meet on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7 until 8 o'clock. The class in domestic science will meet on Tuesday evenings from 5 until 7 and the millinery class will hold forth from 7 until 9 o'clock.

On Thursday afternoons from 4:15 until 5 o'clock, the Junior swimming class will meet, and from 5:45 until 6:30 the Senior swimming class. The swimming classes will all be held at the Castle swimming pool at Waikiki.

On Friday evening the twice-a-week gymnastics class will be held from 7 until 8 o'clock. On Saturday afternoon from 4:30 until 5:30 the first basketball class will be held on the field next to the Homestead.

Miss Mary Christy Tupper, physical director, will have charge of all the indoor games, gymnasium work, tennis, swimming, and basketball; Miss Jane Waite will teach domestic science, and Miss Mary McLean will have charge of the millinery class. There will also be a commercial class arranged to meet every Tuesday and Friday noon under the supervision of Miss Tupper. All girls interested are requested to inquire at the association office.

Beginning on the second Sunday in October the first vesper services will be held at the Homestead from 4 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon. General Secretary Miss E. M. Ericson will have charge of these meetings.

The attendance at the meeting yesterday afternoon was large and the coming year promises to be very successful. It will be worth while for all those interested in the classes to inquire about them.

## "MOON DAY" IS CELEBRATED BY CHINESE

The stranger who wandered through the streets of Chinatown yesterday would feel himself out of place, not knowing the significance of the raising of the five-striped flag, the emblem of the Chinese Republic. It was a holiday for the Chinese community, for according to the old Chinese calendar, it was the fifteenth day of the eighth moon, a day always observed by the Chinese of all classes. Like the Roman of the olden days, the Chinese celebrated this great moon festival, their most notable day after "Konohi." The feasts cost even more than the Thanksgiving or Christmas dinners.

Elaborate preparations had been made to usher in this day. Little Ah Chong and little Miss Sui Lan had saved up their nickels and dimes months ahead so that they could get a box of fancy moon cakes, containing almonds, melon seeds, mince meat or salted eggs. During the day the Chinese children in the schools were thinking of the candies, the chickens, ducks and fish that they were to enjoy at table last night. After a short session, the Chinese schools closed up, for the teachers wanted a lay-off.

"Too much holiday, too much loose money," said an old-time Chinese merchant last evening after he had the satisfaction of seeing the round moon in all its glory.

"Chinese men like celebrate holidays—American and Chinese. September our clerks get all three full days with pay—Labor Day, Regatta Day, and Chinese Part-vit-suping (Moon Day). No American firm so liberal, eh?"

The Chinese restaurants did a rushing business throughout the day, for every Chinese who could afford it placed in an order for a fancy plate of fish with roasted nuts and well-hopped vegetables. Both Wo Fao and Sun Yin Wo reported a big sale of the expensive moon cakes. The butcher shops kept up a good supply of roasted ducks and golden pork and also the rare Chinese clams, to meet the demands from the Chinese in the up-town districts.

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